

Construction.
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Right to sell, etc.,
conferred.

Amendment.

operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across that part of the Mississippi River lying between Picayune Island and Devils Island, known as Devils Chute, Alexander County, Illinois, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation and in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Ernest Caldwell, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, and to any party to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized to exercise the same as fully as if conferred herein directly upon such party.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 18, 1926.

June 18, 1926.
[H. R. 9210.]
[Public, No. 403.]

CHAP. 621.—An Act To amend section 1 of the Act of Congress of June 6, 1924, entitled "An Act for the protection of the fisheries of Alaska, and for other purposes."

Alaska fisheries.
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ed.

Fishing areas in Alas-
kan waters to be set
apart, and closed sea-
sons established.

Authority conferred
upon Secretary of Com-
merce.

Fishing in prohibited
areas unlawful.

Restriction in limited
fishing areas.

Provisos.
Regulations of gen-
eral application.

Exclusive rights for-
bidden.

Limited fishing not
permitted in prohibited
areas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of Congress of June 6, 1924, entitled "An Act for the protection of the fisheries of Alaska, and for other purposes," is amended so that it will read as follows:

"SECTION 1. That for the purpose of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the United States in all waters of Alaska the Secretary of Commerce from time to time may set apart and reserve fishing areas in any of the waters of Alaska over which the United States has jurisdiction, and within such areas may establish closed seasons during which fishing may be limited or prohibited as he may prescribe. Under this authority to limit fishing in any area so set apart and reserved the Secretary may (a) fix the size and character of nets, boats, traps, or other gear and appliances to be used therein; (b) limit the catch of fish to be taken from any area; (c) make such regulations as to time, means, methods, and extent of fishing as he may deem advisable. From and after the creation of any such fishing area and during the time fishing is prohibited therein it shall be unlawful to fish therein or to operate therein any boat, seine, trap, or other gear or apparatus for the purpose of taking fish; and from and after the creation of any such fishing area in which limited fishing is permitted such fishing shall be carried on only during the time, in the manner, to the extent, and in conformity with such rules and regulations as the Secretary prescribes under the authority herein given: *Provided*, That every such regulation made by the Secretary of Commerce shall be of general application within the particular area to which it applies, and that no exclusive or several right of fishery shall be granted therein, nor shall any citizen of the United States be denied the right to take, prepare, cure, or preserve fish or shellfish in any area of the waters of Alaska where fishing is permitted by the Secretary of Commerce. The right herein given to establish fishing areas and to permit limited fishing therein shall not apply to any creek, stream, river, or other bodies of water in which fishing is prohibited by specific provisions of this Act, but the Secretary of Commerce through the

creation of such areas and the establishment of closed seasons may further extend the restrictions and limitations imposed upon fishing by specific provisions of this or any other Act of Congress: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to permit the taking of fish or shellfish, for bait purposes only, at any or all seasons in any or all Alaskan Territorial waters.

Further restrictions, etc., authorized.

Permits for bait only, authorized at any time.

"It shall be unlawful to import or bring into the Territory of Alaska, for purposes other than personal use and not for sale or barter, salmon from waters outside the jurisdiction of the United States taken during any closed period provided for by this Act or regulations made thereunder."

Importing salmon from outside waters into Alaska during closed period, unlawful.

Approved, June 18, 1926.

CHAP. 622.—An Act To provide for the storage of the waters of the Pecos River.

June 18, 1926.

[H. R. 3862.]

[Public, No. 404.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 17, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 388), and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, except as the same are modified herein, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to construct the Red Bluff Federal Irrigation Project, consisting of a reservoir upon the Pecos River, sufficient in size for the irrigation of not exceeding forty thousand acres of land in the State of Texas, which reservoir shall be located at a point where it will impound the flood waters of Delaware Creek and Black River, and shall be provided with all necessary incidental works for the operation of the same.

Red Bluff Federal Irrigation Project, Tex. Reservoir on Pecos River authorized for. Vol. 32, p. 388.

SEC. 2. That no expenditure for construction shall be made under this Act until an appropriate contract or contracts in form approved by the Secretary of the Interior, providing for the payment to the United States as provided herein of the costs incurred on account of said project, shall have been properly executed by a district or districts organized under State law and embracing property to be benefited by said project, and such execution shall have been confirmed by a court of competent jurisdiction: *Provided*, That expenditures may be made hereunder at any time to cover necessary expenses incurred by the United States on account of preliminary investigations and negotiations in connection with the execution of the contract or contracts provided for by this section.

Contracts for paying construction costs required before beginning work.

SEC. 3. That the total cost to the United States of the construction of said project shall be repaid to the United States in twenty annual installments, without interest, as follows: Five per centum thereof on March 1st of the second year following the year in which water becomes first available from said reservoir for irrigation, and 5 per centum thereof annually thereafter until the whole amount is paid: *Provided*, That if any installment shall not be paid when due there shall be added at once to such installment a penalty of 1 per centum thereof and thereafter on the first day of each month a like penalty so long as the default continues.

Proviso. Payment for preliminary investigation.

Repayment in annual installments for 20 years.

SEC. 4. That the cost to the United States of operating and maintaining said project shall be paid to the United States in advance upon annual estimates made by the Secretary of the Interior, and upon a day to be fixed by him: *Provided*, That the cost of operating and maintaining the project the year water is first available therefrom for irrigation, shall be merged with and made a part of the construction cost. If the estimate for any one year shall be either more or less than the actual cost, an appropriate

Proviso. Penalty for default in payments.

Operating costs payable in advance.

Proviso. Added to construction costs when water first available.